



Meriden

PARISH COUNCIL
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The public and press are cordially invited to all parish council meetings at 7.30pm. An opportunity will be given for the public to speak. Look out for the agenda and venue which is posted on the parish notice boards and our website www.meridenparishcouncil.org.uk prior to the meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting dates are:

- 24 June 2019 – The Pavilion
- 22 July 2019 – The Pavilion

Community Surgeries **11am-12pm:**

- Monday 10 June 2019 – Meriden Library
- Monday 8 July 2019 – The Pavilion
- Monday 5 August 2019 – Meriden Library

Meriden Neighbourhood Plan meetings **6.30pm – 8.00pm:**

- Wednesday 26 June 2019 – The Pavilion
- Wednesday 24 July 2019 – The Pavilion

Should you wish to contact the Parish Council, please contact the Clerk or drop into the Parish Council office on Monday mornings where you may access information or have a private chat with the Clerk to address local community issues.



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Your Parish Councillors, duly elected without contest, are:



Rosie Weaver
BEM



Matthew Nunn



Bob Kipling
(co-opted)



Frances
Lynch-Smith



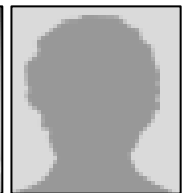
Jon Barber



Marie Woollard



James Hughes



Vacant seat

Your District Councillor, duly elected, is Cllr Diane Howell

Candidate	Party	No. of Votes
BEDDIS Teresa Frances	Labour Party	315
CARTHEW Michael Alan	Liberal Democrats	348
HOWELL Diane Elizabeth	The Conservative Party Candidate	2084
PEARSON Mark Joseph	Green Party	473



Your District Councillors elected in 2018 and 2016 are:



Cllr Ken
Allsopp (2018)



Cllr Tony
Dicicco (2016)

Becoming a Councillor

With the one vacant seat remaining to be filled at Meriden Parish Council, our parish councillors can co-opt a member of the public who resides in Meriden.

If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor for Meriden, please contact the Clerk.

The Parish Council would like to thank

Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, **Bruce Brant**, for getting a new picnic bench sited at Meriden Pool.

A very big Thank You to **Mel Lee, Paul Lee** and **Mandy Haque** who have decided not to stand again as Parish Councillors. Their input and the years they have given their local community has made Meriden a better place to live. Mel will continue to chair Meriden's Neighbourhood Plan steering group and steer the plan to fruition.

Another farewell is to **David Bell** who has faithfully served as a SMBC councillor for Meriden Ward for many years. We hope he enjoys a well-deserved retirement and we are delighted that David has chosen to remain on the Neighbourhood Plan steering group.



Highways update

Implemented in May 2019 is the **Part-time School 20 mph Speed Limit**.

New Parking Restrictions (Phase 1) – No date yet but programmed for Mid-June at latest. Notice will be issued in due course.

Further Proposed Parking Restrictions (Phase 2) is at the information gathering phase.

Increased Presence of Parking Warden – Residents will see a greater presence in the area by the shops and school.

Zebra Crossing Fillongley Road – SMBC plan to remove temporary traffic calming features within 2 to 4 weeks of 20mph speed limit being introduced. The impact of the speed limit will be monitored and the results shared with the parish council to then seek agreement to either do nothing or put the traffic calming features back in permanently, potentially with some additional parking restrictions which links nicely to an opportunity to pick any other parking issues in the village (Phase 2).

Community Transport update from Transport for West Midlands (TfWM)

In April, the 89 bus service changed service provider to Diamond Bus and the Meriden Area Community Bus changed over to Coventry Community Transport.

Jon Hayes, Head of Network Delivery at TfWM updates us further:

"I'm really pleased the new service (and driver!) are meeting the requirements of the community.

"As it stands the current arrangements are due to run to the end of October after which we will look to re-tender the service. We fully appreciate the need for stability but I'm afraid we are required to periodically seek competitive tender to ensure we are getting best value for money.

"Likewise, because the contract was let on an emergency basis, we need to get better clarity on cost from both sides. Subject to them bidding competitively, I'm sure the current operator will be in a good position to retain operation of the service.

"The current operator is enjoying running the service and can see opportunities for improvements and also to increase use. We've met with them recently and they are going to come back to us with some proposals and thoughts.

"Clearly, we will share these with you and perhaps at a public session prior to making any changes. If the PC or service users have any thoughts, then please let me know."

